



#12/10/03
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 3724
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q64671

Shigeru TANAKA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/909,988

Group Art Unit: 3724

Confirmation No.: 1372

Examiner: Jason Prone

Filed: July 23, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ESTIMATING A LIFE-SPAN OF A CUTTER

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

ATTN: BOX AF
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

Claim 1 (Amended): An apparatus of estimating a lifetime of a cutter for cutting a sheet comprising:

a detector for detecting a value of a parameter representing a cutting resistance during sheet cutting;

RECEIVED
MAY 05 2003
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

04/30/2003 SFELEKE1 00000074 09909988

01 FC:1201

168.00 OP

Do not enter
JP 6-1-03

B1